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1. On 5 March construction was continued on the Pyonggang (127-18, 38-25) airstrip which is 3 kilometers north of the Pyonggang Railroad Station and 3 kilometers east of the Pokkye (127-16, 38-26) Station. The strip is about 1 by 7/10 kilometers in size and runs north-northeast from the river bend toward the bridge. The old landing field is between the town of Pyonggang and the airstrip.
2. Construction was started on this airstrip on 15 September 1949. Eight-thousand coolies were conscripted daily from the Pyonggang area for 20 days' labor. By 25 June 1950 the ground had been leveled enough for fighters to land. However, in early July 38 Yaks, which were grounded because of the mud, were destroyed by UN air strikes.
3. The current construction work is being done by coolies over 40 years old; 300 coolies are conscripted daily for 7 days' labor. Coolies from distant areas are billeted in nearby villages. During March the workers, whose hours are between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., were mixing concrete and excavating for the future construction of underground hangars and fuel storage dumps. Because of the age of the workers, their night hours and the UN air strikes, their progress was slow.

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dates for the construction of this airstrip and describes the personnel stationed at the field.

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